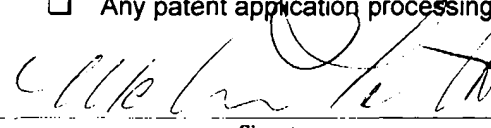
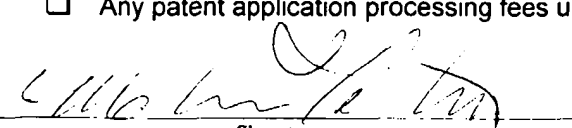
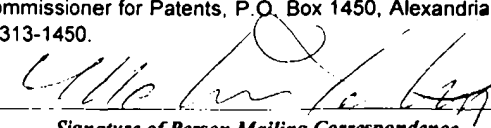


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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003, in connection with the
above-identified application, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully
requested.

In the July 16 Office Action the Examiner has maintained the rejection of all
pending claims 11-22 as obvious over Moberg WO 96/11572, German patent DE OS
3227126 and German patent DE OS 3229097. Essentially, the Examiner's assessment of
this art is that the German references teach a combination of anionic surfactants, aliphatic
and aromatic carboxylic acids to kill viruses/bacteria/fungi, but do not teach the inclusion